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tion of a valid mean and the various statistical services which a mean may render. In the second part the several types of mean—the arithmetical average, the geometrical mean, the median, and the mode—are separately discussed. The third part considers the distribution of series about their means and touches upon statistical applications of the theory of probability and probable error. But there is little of the higher mathematics of statistical technique in the book as a whole. The author expressly confines himself to a scrutiny of fundamental principles upon which the statistician, whatever his mathematical equipment, must proceed.

Public Opinion and the Standard Oil Company. By AMBROSE P. WINSTON. Bulletin of the Washington University Association, St. Louis, 1908. Pamphlet, pp. 48.

The author of this excellent article believes that prevalent opinion on the subject of this trust is largely a repetition of current rumor, the remote sources of which are the prosecution ending in the "big fine," the Garfield report, and Miss Tarbell's *History*. In support of this belief he here subjects the evidence presented in these sources to a thorough scrutiny, seeking to show that in many instances either final proof is lacking or else the real situation has not been thoroughly understood. It well deserves most careful reading.

Elementary Commercial Geography. By CYRUS C. ADAMS. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1909. 8vo, pp. xii+353.

A condensation of the author's *Textbook of Commercial Geography*. It is rather surprising to find in this issue not a few charts which appeared in the first edition but are now out of date, while some of the statistical tables are open to a similar criticism.

History of the Bank of England. By A. ANDRÉADÈS. Translated by CHRISTABEL MEREDITH. London: P. S. King & Son, 1909. 8vo., pp. xxxix+455. 10s. 6d.

English readers will welcome the appearance of a translation of this authoritative work. The task of the translator has been well performed, but the author has not attempted any revision, so that aside from purely technical corrections the treatment is unchanged. The value of this edition has been enhanced, however, by the addition of a critical preface by Professor Foxwell in which he contrasts this work with the others in the same field and makes note of a few points where he is inclined to disagree with the author.

Die deutsche Volkswirtschaft im neunzehnten Jahrhundert. Von WERNER SOMBART. Zweite durchgesehene Auflage. Berlin: Georg Bondi, 1909. Large 8vo, pp. xvi+609. M.10.

The new edition of this work, bringing the total issue through the eighth thousand, is put forth without substantial change.